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5/14/75

Mr. Donald Freed
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Dear Don,

I'm both disappointed and pleased that you have not invited me to your party of 5/16-18 at UCLA.

I'm pleased because I prefer to keep myself and my work clean and not to have any association with a group so large a percentage of which ranges from nuts to self-seekers and self-promoters and the overwhelming percentage of which is either entirely uninformed or seriously misinformed and notoriously inaccurate in the subject of political assassinations.

We are not at a point where positive accomplishment is possible. The greatest single impediment to it is the utter irresponsibility of those with big mouths and small or empty heads, including ripoff artists. As you will see, they have already provided the basis for the coming Rockefeller Commission whitewash. The FBI and others had a field day all last week in Dallas on just one aspect, for this Commission and on one of these slef-promotters' insanities.

I'm disappointed because of the misrepresentations made to me by one Fagin having to do with this and with the clear reflection of your personal views and opinions as reflected in those you have invited, like that world-renowned expert on the King assassination, Jeff Cohen. (And none of the lesser experts on this one.)

I'm also surprised. Mark Lane said he would not ever or under any circumstances appear on a platform with Mae Brussel at the NYU shindig but lo! here you have brought the two together again. (Mae seems somehow to have gotten the notion that I referred to her in the NYU speech I was too ill to make myself, which is false, as is also her idea that Jim Lesar said that Paul Hoch was up to something or other not really specified about Mae and again, I'm confident, quite baseless from what I know of Paul, his work and interests and of what Jim Lesar <u>could</u> have said. How these wild reports get started and credited baffles me but ought give you a notion of the kind of associates you have and they have.)

All of this reminds me of your long silence about your proposals to me over my Ray/King work. The last, dating to about January, assured me of the reasonableness of my request for tangibles and specifics and promised they would soon be forthcoming.

I have heard nothing since. In all this time I've been tied to the agreement we made verbally and the subsequent correspondence. So, I ask for a clear and unequivocal letter on the situation and your plans and intentions.

And I do, quite sincerely, hope that your coming affair is not as counter-productive (except in terms of promoting the participants) as from all indications I expect it to be.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Dave Pollard:

I have reason to believe that for several months he is up to stealing my work, having immobilized me with the verbal agreement when you were present. I heard of this only within the past week or so, when I was ill. I'm recovered from pneumonia and pleurisy but am and for a while will remain weak. When I phoned yesterday I was in Washington to see the doctor for the last checkup on this. It appears that once I would not go for the meaningless contract he offered he decided he could not gyp me that way. What if anything can I now expect of you?